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**Alfonso Morales**  
Chief of Police

(414) 933-4444

Dear Emma Best:

This letter is in response to your records request dated August 26, 2019. Your request was received by the Milwaukee Police Department on September 4, 2019. MPD will initiate the search for these records as soon as practicable and without delay.

Pursuant to State Statutes 19.35(3), the Milwaukee Police Department may charge fees for complying with a records request. Duplicating fees for all responsive records are charged at a rate of \$0.25 (twenty-five) per page. Mailing and shipping costs are also charged when applicable. A separate fee may be imposed for staff time used to locate and/or assemble records, or to create a computer program/query if the cost is \$50 or more. Please be aware that pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.35(3)(f), the Milwaukee Police Department requires prepayment for these charges if the total cost exceeds five dollars (\$5.00).

You need not remit any fees at this time. MPD will provide you with a reasonable estimate of any applicable fees. Upon receipt of a cost estimate, you may then indicate how you would like MPD to proceed.

If you have any questions regarding the status of your request or the fee schedule, please feel free to contact me at [mpdopenrecords@milwaukee.gov](mailto:mpdopenrecords@milwaukee.gov).

Sincerely,

ALFONSO MORALES  
CHIEF OF POLICE

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kerry Namin', is written over the printed name and title.

KERRY NAMIN  
POLICE SERGEANT

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August 26, 2019

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the Wisconsin Open Records Act, I hereby request the following records:

Copies of any emails, letters, memos or other records of consultations regarding public records requests (FOI/FOIL/FOIA etc.) with either the Department of Justice, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Drug Enforcement Agency components.

I am a member of the news media and request classification as such. I have previously written about the government and its activities, with some reaching over 100,000 readers in outlets such as Gizmodo, MuckRock, Motherboard, Property of the People, Unicorn Riot, and The Outline, among others. As such, as I have a reasonable expectation of publication and my editorial and writing skills are well established. In addition, I discuss and comment on the files online and make them available through non-profits such as the library Internet Archive and the journalist non-profit MuckRock, disseminating them to a large audience. While my research is not limited to this, a great deal of it, including this, focuses on the activities and attitudes of the government itself. As such, it is not necessary for me to demonstrate the relevance of this particular subject in advance.

As my primary purpose is to inform about government activities by reporting on it and making the raw data available, I request that fees be waived.

The requested documents will be made available to the general public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes.

In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 10 business days.

Sincerely,

Emma Best

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